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Attorney General John Ashcroft
US Department of Justice, 950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20530-0001

Dear Attorney General Ashcroft:

The Microsoft Anti Trust case settlement has been a long time coming. I am very glad to see that there is now a light at the end of the tunnel. However, I don't see how anyone can even debate the settlement's fairness. Microsoft is giving up a great deal to end this lawsuit, going so far as to give their competitors an unfair edge in the future. Sounds like the "reverse discrimination" rulings of the past.

I use Microsoft products both at work and at home. For years Microsoft has provided American consumers like me with superior products, creating innovative and compatible technologies useful in so many areas. Their dedication to making their product user-friendly created the computer revolution.

Everyone had the same opportunity to "jump in" and profit. AND MANY DID!! Now, with the settlement Microsoft has pledged to share information, including the internal interfaces for its Windows operating system, with its competitors and make it easier for people to install non-Microsoft products in Windows. Doesn't sound like a just reward for a job well done!!!

The government has more important matters to deal with. It should not be intervening in the affairs of private companies. Please uphold the settlement and allow Microsoft to move on with their business.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Milford Graham

cc: Senator Rick Santorum
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